

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Chief of Staff, County Council; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually via video conference.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, April 20, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- Tommy Davis
- Louise Kennelly
- Katie Trice

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-21-261 – Administrative Services Section, Fire & Rescue Services Division

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- J-21-265 – Scott Key Center, Citizens Services Division
- J-21-270 – Volunteer Fire & Rescue Services Division, Fire & Rescue Services Division
- J-21-272 – Office of Economic Development
- J-21-273 – Office of Economic Development
- J-21-274 – Office of Economic Development
- Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #4-21 and School Construction Expense Fund Budget Amendment #21-05

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustments J-21-261, J-21-265, J-21-270, J-21-272, J-21-273, J-21-274, and Board of Education Current Expense Fund Budget Amendment #4-21 and School Construction Expense Fund Budget Amendment #21-05 as presented. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from April 6, and April 13, 2021.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from April 6, and April 13, 2021. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions

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Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Robert Hawley, Ph.D., C. Matthew Sharkey, Ph.D., Alexi Franklin, Dwayne Oland and Christopher Carmody to the Containment Laboratory Community Advisory Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Local Management Board

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Frederick Police Department Chief Jason Lando (member) and Frederick Police Department Captain Kirk Henneberry (designee) to the Local Management Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Sustainability Committee

Council Member Kai Hagen moved to approve Jennifer Bird, Elizabeth Law, James Reed, William Steigelmann and Tiffany Fossett to the Sustainability Committee to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

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At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Motion to Take the FY 2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate to Public Hearing

Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office, presented information to the Council on the Motion to Take the FY 2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate to Public Hearing.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the Motion to Take the FY 2022 Constant Yield Tax Rate to Public Hearing. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Hearing:

Board of Education FY 2022 Budget

Kelly Weaver, Director, Budget Office, presented an overview of the Frederick County Government FY 2022 Budget to the Council and public.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Dr. Elizabeth Burmaster, President Frederick Community College
- Charlie Berry
- Melissa Dirks
- Jay Mason, Board of Education President

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- Megan Fogle
- Dr. Theresa Alban, Superintendent of FCPS
- Justin Hyde

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Public Comment was heard from:

- Elizabeth Brown

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- Susan McNichol

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council